

House Committee Surveys Members For Preferences & Ratings Of 3 W. 51st St.

Please take five minutes right now to answer this brief questionnaire about your use of the OPC headquarters, 3 W. 51st St., and your rating of its services. Your answers will help the OPC House Committee and Board of Governors improve facilities and services for all members. Thank you for your help.

Please circle one number to indicate your use in the Past 12 Months, and one number to indicate your planned use in the next 12 months. For example:

OPC panel or lecture. 0 1 2-4 5+ 0 1 2-4 5+

Did So In Past 12 Months Plan To Do So In Next 12 Months
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

Attended									
OPC committee or board meeting.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
OPC panel or lecture.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
NON-OPC panel or lecture.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
theater party or other NON-OPC outing.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
Lamb's Club Open House in the Pub.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
Booked									
sleeping room for self or family member.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
sleeping room for a friend or associate.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
meeting room for a business function.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
meeting room for a personal function.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
Had									
business breakfast in the Dining Room.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
personal breakfast in the Dining Room.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
business lunch in the Dining Room.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
personal lunch in the Dining Room.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
business dinner in the Pub.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
personal dinner in the Pub.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
business cocktails in the Pub.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
personal cocktails in the Pub.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	
Signed									
for any services on OPC Membership Card.	0	1	2-4	5+	0	1	2-4	5+	

Please circle one number to indicate your rating of each of these services:

	Very Poor			Very Good		Don't Know
Quality of Food in Dining Room	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Food in the Pub	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Food at OPC Functions	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Beverages	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Waiter/Waitress Service	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Meeting rooms	1	2	3	4	5	0
Quality of Sleeping rooms	1	2	3	4	5	0
Price of Food	1	2	3	4	5	0
Price of Beverages	1	2	3	4	5	0
Price of Meeting Rooms	1	2	3	4	5	0
Price of Sleeping Rooms	1	2	3	4	5	0

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Annual OPC Meeting June 27

Thursday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Governors.

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.
Election Results and Annual Membership Meeting, club headquarters, 3 W. 51st St.

Saturday, June 29, through Monday, July 15, 3 W. 51st St. Dining Room, Pub, and meeting rooms closed for maintenance and cleaning. Lodging will be available. Call 582-5454.

Monday, July 15, deadline for return of OPC Member Survey included in this issue of the OPC Bulletin.

Meeting Rooms 50% Off
Meeting rooms at 3 W. 51st St. are half price through Sept. 1. Call 582-5454.

Next Bulletin In Sept.

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PEOPLE by AL KAFF and RALPH GARDNER

BURMA OUT OF THE HEADLINES

RICHARD READ WRITES ON BERTIL LINTNER'S WORK

By AL KAFF

Against the background of the Persian Gulf War, OPCer Richard Read, Tokyo, Asian bureau chief for the *Oregonian*, points out that "the massacre of 4,000 demonstrators in Rangoon by the Burmese army in 1988 [has] faded from memory."

Writing in the April issue of *No. 1 Shimibun*, published by the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan, Read reports that one foreign correspondent, Bangkok-based Bertil Linter of Sweden, while "surviving harrowing adventures, continues relentlessly chronicling the sins of Burma's ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council."

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The group has imprisoned at least 50 opposition politicians after they were elected to the legislature (at least two of them died in jail), put opposition woman leader Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest and refused to permit the opposition to form a government after it won national elections.

Assisted by his Burmese wife, who is a photojournalist, Lintner writes for the Hong Kong-based weekly news magazine, *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

Asked why Americans should care about Burma, Lintner quoted Burton Levin, a former U.S. ambassador to Rangoon:

"We have no security interests and no economic interests in Burma. Therefore we can enjoy the luxury of being able to live up to our principles. Here the United States can show that we really care about human rights and democracy."

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Princess Elizabeth & Mitja Mersol of Delo at OPC briefing. -Photo Fred Ferguson

OPC Told Yugoslavia May See War

By FRED FERGUSON

Sadly, reluctantly, in a May 30 briefing for OPC, a leading Yugoslavian journalist said he feared civil war may result from the current turmoil in his country.

At the time of the OPC meeting, Slovenia, most advanced of Yugoslavia's six republics, has declared its intention to formally secede June 23, with Croatia to follow June 26. Mitja Mersol, U.S. correspondent for *Delo*, a leading Slovenian daily who also is president of the Foreign Press Association in New York, said this seemed almost certain to happen.

Mersol was pressed repeatedly to say what he believed will be the result. Finally he said, "I am afraid there will be civil war."

Membership Survey In This Bulletin

This OPC Bulletin includes a survey of members' use of 3 W. 51st St. and their views on the facilities and services offered there.

Members are asked to complete the survey and return it by July 15.

The brief questionnaire is the gatefold of this month's *Bulletin*, pages 4 and 5, which can easily be separated without damaging other stories.

The survey solicits information on how frequently various benefits are being used, such as dining and lodging, and candid comments on their quality and value to members.

Space is provided for additional comments and suggestions. Results will be reviewed by the Board of Governors.

Please return the questionnaire to Survey, OPC, 310 Madison Ave., Suite 2116, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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Imprisoned OPCer Freed By Kenya

OPC member Gitobu Imanyara, editor of the *Nairobi Law Monthly*, was freed May 28 after the state dropped charges of treason and violation of publication laws.

The action followed repeated complaints from the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee and the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Imanyara, a critic of President Daniel arap Moi's one-party rule, was imprisoned since March when his *Nairobi Law Monthly* published an editorial accusing the government of favoritism in filling top jobs and announced a new political party.

Movement in the case began in May after Norman A. Schorr, chairman of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, and others called the Kenyan Embassy in Washington to appeal for Imanyara's release of humanitarian grounds.

He had collapsed at an earlier bail hearing, but was denied hospitalization, Schorr reported.

Annual Meet

Winners of the election for the Board of Governors will be announced and other OPC business transacted at the Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at 3 W. 51st St. See OPC Calendar, Page 6.

23 Ways You Can Help OPC Secure Press Freedom Throughout The World

During the Annual Awards dinner, Norman Schorr, chairman of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, lit a candle in memory of all journalists killed or are being held captive around the world. To protest the detention and to appeal for the release and/or humane treatment of journalists held in prison or held hostage, send letters or cables to:

Central African Republic
General d'Armee Andree Kolingba
President de la Republique
Bangui, Republique Centrafricaine
Telex: 980-5300

China
Mr. Li Peng
Prime Minister
Beijing, People's Republic of China
Telex: 716 210070

Colombia
His Excellency Cesar Gaviria
Palacio de Narino
Bogota, Colombia
Telex: 396 44281

Comoros
His Excellency Said Mohamad Djohar
President of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros, Moroni
Via Paris, France

Egypt
His Excellency President Hosni Mubarak
'Uruba Palace
'Uruba Street, Heliopolis
Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt
Telex: 927 93794

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Indonesia
His Excellency President Suharto
Istana Merdeka
Jakarta, Indonesia
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Iran*
His Excellency Ali Akbar Belayati
Foreign Minister
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622 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

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His Excellency Yitzhak Shamir
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3 Kaplan Street - Hakirya
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Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council
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South Korea
His Excellency President Roh Tae-woo
The Blue House
Seoul, Republic of Korea
Telex: 787 24651

Sri Lanka
His Excellency President Ranasinghe Premadasa
Presidential Secretariat
Republic Square
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Telex: 954 22650

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Lietu. General Omar Hassan al-Bashir
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Western Sahara
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New York, N.Y. 10016

* Iran has repeatedly acknowledged its influence over groups holding at least some hostages in Lebanon. Appeals should not accuse Iran of direct responsibility, but might suggest that Iran's help in securing the release of the hostages on humanitarian grounds would be welcomed by all people as a positive step.

Henry Shapiro Trained Dozens Of UPI Moscow Correspondents

By WHIT BASSOW
When Henry Shapiro, a long-time OPC member who recently died, retired as UPI bureau manager in 1973, he ended a career unique in the history of Moscow reportage. His 40-year stint, with interruptions, spanned almost two-thirds of the history of the Soviet Union. Purges, show trials, World War II, the Cold War, the Khrushchev era, a Brezhnev decade, detente, dissidents — all were grist for his reporting. His knowledge of men and events was encyclopedic.

Some colleagues wondered why he remained so long in the Soviet Union and speculated that he had been compromised by the system. But to my knowledge, no one has produced any evidence that he was. As second man in the bureau for three years, it was clear to me that the scoops and beats he obtained regularly were largely the result of longevity, contacts, and hard work, and not because the Press Department favored him.

He was more valuable to UPI in Moscow than any place else, so specialized he probably could not have earned his pay in any other assignment. The perks were unusually generous: rent-free apartment, car, chauffeur and plenty of paid leave.

One of Shapiro's legacies was the dozens of young reporters he trained over the years. Usually, they were eager, smart and ambitious, but on arrival they were not versed in the complexities of Soviet history and politics. He taught them prudence and skepticism, the need to verify, and awareness they were awesomely ignorant about the vast country. Above all, he taught them that the history of Russia did not begin the day they sat down at the typewriter in the bureau.

Henry and Ludmilla, his Russian

wife of 38 years, retired to Madison, Wis., where he held an appointment in the University of Wisconsin's School of Journalism. Their tidy ranch house was filled with souvenirs of four decades; thousands of Russian books, handsome silver and brass samovars, icons, posters, rare volumes, and photographs.

During the worst years of the Cold War, Henry was accused of being a "Zionist spy" and Ludmilla constantly feared arrest because she refused to divorce him. That dark period in their lives, ironically, is enshrined in reverse by a farewell gift from a Soviet artist. It portrays the youthful couple sitting at a window overlooking the Kremlin towers. What they actually saw from their apartment window during those years was two police sedans parked in front of their doorway — day and night — ominous reminders of their vulnerability.

Whitman Bassow is the author of *The Moscow Correspondents: Reporting On Russia From The Revolution To Glasnost* (Morrow, 1988).

Yugoslavia

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Mersol said the Slovenians and Croats appear bent on breaking away from what they considered domination by the communist regime of the more populous Serbia, which is supported by tiny Montenegro.

Bosnia and Macedonia are more or less aligned with Slovenia and Croatia. They have non-communist governments.

Mersol held little hope for efforts to find a common ground, citing their ethnic, political, religious and economic difference. He said the United States appeared to favor a loose confederation in a policy that dates back to the post

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Please offer any comments you wish on:

Making 3 W. 51st St. More Attractive As A Gathering Place For Members

Any Other Specific Comments Or Suggestions

Overseas Staffs Of U.S. Media Doubled Since 1975

A 1990 census of foreign correspondents for U.S. media shows that there are more than twice as many as there were 15 years earlier.

The research by Ralph E. Kliesch, professor emeritus of journalism at Ohio University, is reported in the Winter 1990 issue of *Newspaper Research Journal*. The census, Kliesch's fourth since 1969, found there were 1,734 foreign correspondents for U.S. media in 1990, compared with 676 in 1975. Correspondents were in 80 countries, up from 57 in 1975.

Forty-four percent of the U.S. correspondents were in Europe and 27 percent in Asia. Only 4 percent were in Africa. Women make up one-fourth of the total, a gain from 10 percent in 1975.

-Guido H. Stempel III, ANPA Presstime

You name is optional: _____

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